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A Message from Mr. Voss

Ho, ho, ho everyone. As we bring this month and year to a close, I want to thank everyone for your support and prayers. You have entrusted to us your most valuable treasures and we thank you for that trust. As we begin a new year on January 3, I ask that you continue to pray for our teachers and staff. We are committed to you and your children as was Jesus. Children were always a high priority to Him.

In the coming months, we will begin to share with you some of the new and exciting plans for NTCA. Stay tuned, it is going to be a great year at NTCA.

Please have a safe and happy holiday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 20- Jan 2	Christmas Break
Jan 3	Classes resume
Jan 14	Third quarter begins
Jan 17	Muffins for Moms Preschool, KR, Kinder
Jan 21	No school—MLK Jr



**NTCA's Float
Glowed in the
Parade of Lights**

Thanksgiving Program

Each grade showcased their creativity and talent with songs, poems, presentations, and a very funny skit by the middle school.



Poinsettia Sale a Success!

North Texas Christian Academy students recently participated in a poinsettia sale to help raise funds for the school. Almost 250 poinsettias were sold and distributed by NTCA students. This was a very beneficial fundraiser with over \$1,300 in profits. Selling 31 poinsettias, the top salesperson was Morgan Pettway in Mrs. Havens' 4th grade class. We had a total of 14 students who met a goal and will be rewarded with a \$5 Cinemark gift card for their efforts. Thank you to parents and students alike for making this fundraiser a success! We look forward to bigger and better sales next year!!!

Thanksgiving Feast

After the Thanksgiving program, students, families, teachers, and school staff assembled for the traditional and delicious Thanksgiving Feast. Everyone enjoyed the food and the decorations. Thank you to the teachers who served the meal, and to the parent committee that decorated and cleaned up.



NTCA in McKinney Parade

By Sara Zimmerman

This year NTCA had a float in "The Parade of Lights" in downtown McKinney. The students did a fantastic job at painting ornaments on the wooden Christmas trees for the float. They looked beautiful. This year's float was absolutely wonderful and well put together. The trees and the shining lights put together on the float, made it look outstanding. Everyone had a great time at the parade. Many students rode on the float. All of them proudly wore their red NTCA shirts and sang together joyfully for everyone at the event. Thank you to everyone for coming to the parade. Merry Christmas!!



Middle School News: Our middle students continue to take some time to write about all of the school's activities. Look for two more articles elsewhere in this newsletter!

Crape Myrtle 5K Race

by Greg Newland

This year McKinney hosted a 5-K race called the Crape Myrtle Race challenging the people of McKinney to perform to their fullest. A few of our students, Greg Newland, Jodee Newland, Lexie Bartlett, Rex Dooley, Mara Dooley and Trinity Cristina competed in it and challenged the course. All finished in a blazing time while Trinity Cristina, Lexie Bartlett and Mara Dooley all placed in their divisions. It was a great experience, and everyone really enjoyed it.

Chapel

by Schelby Sheffey

NTCA's Middle School works hard on Wednesday's chapel skits, giving their best ideas and stretching their brains for higher performance. We have many talented writers in our class who go above and beyond to make chapel interesting and fun. The teachers are a big part of this, too. Without them, we wouldn't come up with any of the things we do. They are the best, and this school is blessed to have such amazing teachers!

Angel Tree

By Erika Miesen

Many children are going to get gifts this year thanks to the NTCA students. On Wednesday, all the middle school made the angels. The NTCA students cut, tied and stuck labels to the angels. On each angel, there is a name of the child who they will be giving the gift to. The angels are pink for girls and blue for boys. Those kids' families are often poor and are struggling to provide a gift for their children. NTCA is happy to say that all angels have been taken. Thank you very much. Now many boys and girls will have a Merry Christmas!

The Flag: Old and New

By James Grisham and Hayden Hardin

Our school's flag became tattered and torn after a few years of wear and tear. It is going to be properly disposed of by a local boy scout troop. The school's new flag is going to be supplied by the USO. (United Services Organizations, Inc. - USO.org) It is called the "Operation Enduring Care, Healing with Honor" Project. This is possible after the middle school pooled a two day collection for a donation of over \$30 dollars. Operation Enduring Care is a new project by the USO to help injured Veterans and their families.

The Food Pantry Needs More Food

By Dylan Shaw and Wylie Eicher

The Food Pantry collects food for people who can't afford it. We usually feed 155 families in the month of December, and we have about 80 bags of food right now. Each bag can last a family a week. We specifically need these foods: Tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, corn, green beans, Jell-O, peanut butter, jelly, dried rice, dried beans, pudding, hamburger helper, and canned milk. Please help us out by donating these things. Thank you!

Grossology Field Trip

By Hayden Hardin

NTCA's students went on a field trip to Frisco Sci-Tech Discover Center. The students attended "Animal Grossology", an exhibit about animals and their unique behaviors. It taught the kids about science history and how different things are created in our natural habitat. Science is an exciting subject, and the exhibit helped kids that don't know about science to learn more about it.



**The
serving
team at
the
Thanks-
giving
Feast!**

Santa's Texas Christmas

By A.J. Jump and Rex Dooley

The NTCA Christmas program was a success! With all grade levels singing and 5th-8th performing, it was a holiday explosion for the whole family! Created by NTCA's own music teacher Mrs. Lokey, the play was about how Santa wanted to retire in Texas. The students had to convince him to deliver toys before Christmas. The program was held on December 18th. We hope you were able to attend. (Starring: Elf 1 and 2 : Greg and Hayden; Narrator: Lexie; Cowboy 1 and 2: Rex; Cowgirl 1 and 2: Trinity and Jodee; Students are: A.J, Erika, Wylie and Peter; Santa: James; Reindeer fans: Abby & Schelby; Line Leader: Dylan)





In the Classrooms



Kindergarten Readiness has been studying different cultures/traditions while doing their Christmas Around the World Unit. We have also been working on our Winter Season unit. We are continuing to learn our letters and sounds. We are very busy in KR!

Kindergarten has been learning about Christmas in several countries and we are looking forward to our Polar Express day on the 19th. We have had a fun time learning about many kinds of patterns in math. We have also started reading groups and are so excited to read our books!

Students of the Week

November Virtue: Cooperation

December Virtue: Compassion

November 5th November 12th November 26th December 3rd

DeHoog, Sarah
Keller, Chloe
Hardin, Hayden
Zimmerman, Bradey
Keller, Claire
Dooley, Mara

Marwitz, Natalie
Hicks, McKenna
Shaw, Dylan
Kearl, Zachary
Carlson, Averl
Humphrey, Peyton

Finan, Liam
Pounds, Paxton
Grisham, James
Chacon, Elisa
Ndofor, Abraham
Marwitz, Sydney

Rojas, Mason
Nicholls, Aspen
Newland, Jodee
Pettway, Morgan
Simpkins, Sydney
Owens, Brennan



December Virtue and Verse

Virtue: Compassion

Caring enough to do something about
someone else's need

Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only son, that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.





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We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

Help Earn Money for NTCA!

- ⇒ Scan your Albertsons Community Partners card when shopping
- ⇒ Collect Box Tops for Education.
- ⇒ TURN IN your "Box Tops for Education" codes from products.

Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior spiritual, scholastic, and social experience.



The headlights of the truck that pulled NTCA's parade float glow thru the banner